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## Amendments to the Specification

Replace the paragraph at page 18, lines 9-11 with the following:



As a final remark, note that knowledge of group membership is almost unnecessary in SAM. Of course, such knowledge is needed at lower layers to provide multicast services; but there the cost is relatively low and working protocols such as IGMP manage group membership efficiently.